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German Democratic Republic

DELIVERY OF SHOES FROM CZECHOSLOVAKIA TO THE GDR (3 pp; German; [REDACTED] 195X)

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This report deals with the credit arrangement between Czechoslovakia and the German Democratic Republic regarding the delivery of shoes to the GDR.

The credit arrangement was made on 23 June 1950, and by 9 September 1950, 1,401,000 pair of shoes had been delivered to the GDR. This leaves another 500,000 pair of shoes which can be imported by the GDR under the foreign trade arrangement. The credit arrangement covers shoe imports totaling 28 million rubles. The shoes delivered up to 9 September 1950 were valued at about 20 million rubles or about 16.7 million Deutsche marks, on the basis of 100 rubles = 83.25 Deutsche marks.

The shoes are being sold in the GDR for approximately 12 Deutsche marks, which is below cost. The difference is being made up by government subsidies.

The report gives a detailed list of the types of shoes imported, mentions the fact that the money transactions are carried out through the German Notenbank in Berlin, and also mentions the names of persons authorized to clear the transactions. Also some details on subsidies and customs are given.

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